(c) if not, by when its production likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) Limited series production of Agni-II has commenced and its induction is planned during 2001-2002.

(c) Does not arise.

Chinese road in Indian territory

2716. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:
SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA:
SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY:
SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has lately constructed a road stretching almost 5 km. into Indian territory across the line of Actual Control in Ladakh;

(b) if so, Government's reaction and response thereto, by way of preventing and removing the encroachments; and

(c) what concrete steps Government have taken to broach the subject with Beijing?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (c) India and China have differing perceptions of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Pangong Tso area (Ladakh), as in some other areas on the India-China boundary. Since last several years, the two sides have been involved in the clarification of the LAC. Pending clarification of the LAC, both India and China have been carrying out normal border management activities including patrolling upto their respective perception of the LAC in the area. As a part of such activities, the Chinese had recently developed a track on the Northern Bank of Pangong Tso in Ladakh.

We have lodged protests with the Chinese side against their activities in the Pangonge Tso, at local levels, through the established mechanisms of Flag Meetings/Border Personnel Meeting and also

through diplomatic channels. The matter was also taken up with the Chinese during the 8th meeting of the India-China Expert Group of Diplomatic and Military Officials held in Beijing on 13th-14th November, 2000.

CBI enquiry into Defence Deal

2717. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 380 odd defence deals are under CBI probe/enquiring since defence agents were banned in 1989;

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the CBI inquiry so far;

(c) what action Government have taken on the findings of the enquiry; and

(d) what precautionary measures Government proposed to take to avoid irregularities in the defence deals in future?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (d) The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is not probing/enquiring into the 380 odd defence deals, relating to a period after 1989, when the defence agents were banned. The CBI, however, has enquired/is enquiring/investigating into the following cases and status, whereof, is indicated hereunder:

Sl. No.	Details of the case	Status
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Procurement of 36 nos. of Hand Held Direction Finder (HHDF) from M/s. Taiyo Musen Co. Ltd. Japan;	The alleged irregularities in the procurement were not found substantiated.
2.	Contract with M/s. NASCHEM, South Africa for supply of 155 mm Smoke Ammunition;	The CBI is verifying the allegation made in the complaint.